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DEVICE WITH S-SHAPED BRIDGING  
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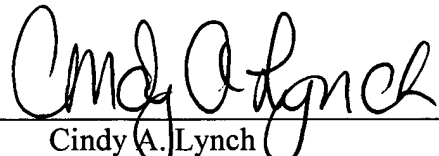
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Sir:

The subject application and a Petition to Make Special were filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 13, 2004. Please advise, in writing, as to when action may be expected on the above-noted patent application.

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